# Proclamation

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## Steven L. Beshear Kobernor

of the

## Commonwealth of Kentucky



### To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

- WHEREAS, During the three years of the Korean War, roughly 88,270 Kentucky men and women were among the 1.7 million members of the United States Armed Forces who endured harsh combat and severe weather at grave personal risk in order to preserve freedom on the Korean peninsula; and
- WHEREAS, The war, one of the bloodiest in history, ended in a cease-fire with the signing of an armistice, or truce, on July 27, 1953; and
- WHEREAS, Nearly 54,000 U.S. service members, including 1,025 from Kentucky, gave their lives on behalf of our nation during the Korean War, with close to another 103,000 wounded and appoximately 8,000 taken prisoner or missing in action; and
- WHEREAS, Kentucky is currently home to nearly 40,000 Korean War veterans, whose selfless service and sacrifice is worthy of commendation; and
- WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Defense is honoring the service and sacrifice of Korean War veterans, educating Americans about the lessons, history and legacy of the war and its veterans, and commemorating key events; and
- WHEREAS, The Commonwealth has a long and proud tradition of acknowledging and affirming the role of Kentuckians in America's military to ensure their duty, honor and sacrifice shall not be forgotten;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim July 27, 2014, as

#### KOREAN WAR ARMISTICE DAY

in Kentucky, and ask all to make its solemn observance.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the  $25^{th}$  day of July, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen and in the  $223^{rd}$  year of the Commonwealth.

STEVEN L. BESHËAR

**GOVERNOR** 

ALISON LUNDERGAN GRIMES

**SECRETARY OF STATE** 

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ALISON LUNDERGAN GRIMES SECRETARY OF STATE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY